becomes the official policy and guide for actions of both groups. This is very important in small towns where most of the major improvements in the thoroughfare system will be made by the State Highway Commission.

State and Federal Assistance:

In addition to the housing and thoroughfare assistance referred to above, there are many other programs available through the state and the federal governments. Biscoe is now in the process of applying for assistance in improvements to its sewerage system. Assistance is available for such matters as land acquisition for parks and recreation facilities.

A description of the Federal government's programs can be found in the <u>Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance</u> compiled by the Office of Economic Opportunity. A copy of this document is probably available in the Montgomery County Public Library.

Assistance in selecting the most appropriate assistance for the specific needs of the community and guidance as to how to go about obtaining this assistance can best be supplied by contacting Mr. Jim Perry, Division of Governmental Relations, Department of Local Affairs, P. O. Box 1991, Raleigh, N. C., 27602. The Department of Local Affairs is located at 310 North Blount Street, and the telephone number is 829-3174.